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# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



**Galaxy Magnolia**

*Magnolia "Galaxy" Tree Form*

This variety of Magnolia has a rapid growth rate, but typically doesn't exceed 30' tall with half that size in spread. It is little planted, but has the potential to be a good street tree in the tree form. It has profuse flowers that start at an early age, but late enough to avoid spring frosts.

*Courtesy of Henry D. Gerhold,  
Penn State University*



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands  
Kaleen Cottingham - Supervisor

## DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

*Arbor Month is here . . . the weather is better and there are lots of activities planned for this month dealing with planting and caring for trees. Get involved and volunteer in your community today to ensure the long-term care for these newly planted trees in your area.*

### A SAMPLING OF ARBOR MONTH ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON

**City of Cosmopolis:** On April 3, the City of Cosmopolis will be planting 800 trees received from the National Tree Trust at the interpretive trail in the community. It is expected that 80 3rd-6th graders will be participating in planting over 300 of the trees. On April 8, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from the community will be planting the remainder. The Weyerhaeuser Company is helping by supplying a forester, tools and advice to ensure success for this great Arbor Day project.

**City of Walla Walla:** On April 24, young and old will be gathering under a historical tree in Walla Walla to see how many folks can fit under a magnificent heritage tree. It is anticipated that an aerial photo will be taken to mark the occasion as well as a register of who participated.

**City of Ellensburg:** Distinguished as Washington's "Oldest TreeCity USA" at 15 years, Ellensburg will be having a ceremony at the Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park on April 18. A 300-tree windbreak will be planted by Central Washington University volunteers and 72,000 ladybugs will be released by local school children. Commissioner of Public Lands, Jennifer Belcher, will be on hand to award Mayor Perry Huston his prestige 15-year TreeCity USA award.

**City of Grandview:** On April 18, Grandview will be holding its Arbor Day Celebration at the Carl L. Stevens Senior Center. Mayor Jesse Palacios will be receiving Grandview's first TreeCity USA award from Commissioner of Public Lands, Jennifer Belcher. Four columnar hornbeam trees will be planted in front of the Center by local school children.

**City of Seattle:** Seattle's eleventh annual SPRING CLEAN runs from April 4 to May 17. The kickoff event will occur at 9:00 am at the Rainier Community Center, 3701 S. Oregon St.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE

Paul Ries, previously with the Oregon Department of Forestry as the Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, is the first Executive Director for the PNW ISA Chapter. Since January, Paul has been busy acclimating himself with all aspects of the Chapter's business and relocating the office to Salem, Oregon. Have no fear though, it is still as easy to reach ISA as before with the toll free number, **1-800-335-4291**. The new address is:

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PO Box 2604  
Salem OR 97308-2604  
(503) 945-7415 [phone]  
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## In the works (continued)

*"... and that we develop an awareness of the importance of every tree to the quality of our lives. Our education and outreach programs are important, reaching children who will inherit our decisions to instill that love of trees early in their lives so that they insist that their future be bright with green."*

*excerpted from Commissioner Belcher's address at the Community Trees Conference, Vancouver, Washington*

**TRIVIA:** What is the state tree of Washington?  
(answers upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

**The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.**

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## ARBORISTS TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR WENATCHEE

A 10-week arborist training session is starting in Wenatchee on April 28 and will run consecutively for the next 10 Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday class. This course is designed for people who work in the field and would like to become an ISA Certified Arborist. However, it is open to the public and other grounds personnel. An ISA Certified Arborist Exam will be offered at the end of the course on Saturday July 18, 1998. One need not take the course to take the exam, although it might be beneficial. One does need to fill out an application and meet eligibility requirements to take the exam, however, through the national office. Applications to take the certified exam are available through the ISA office in Salem.

The classes will be held at the Chelan County Auditorium at 400 Douglas Street in Wenatchee. The first class is going to be at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm starting April 28. Call Kerry Retzel at (509) 664-5540 for more information or to register.

## STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE DUTCH ELM DISEASE SEMINAR

A workshop is scheduled for April 21, 1998, at Washington State University, Puyallup campus. This one-day seminar will focus on understanding and managing Dutch Elm disease. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jay Stipes, plant pathologist from Virginia Tech. Dr. Stipes is well-known for developing DED management strategies that work. The seminar will feature lecture, slides, discussion and field demonstrations.

The cost for this is \$45 and includes lunch. Registration is limited to 60 participants so don't waste another moment... sign up now by calling Carrie Foss at WSU Puyallup at (253) 445-4577.

Community Forestry Volunteers: A Review of Practical Studies by D. Still and H. Gerhold. This 15-page booklet is useful for managers of volunteer organizations and others who plan to use volunteers. Cost is \$7.50 including postage and can be ordered through the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council. For more information, please call (717) 783-0385.

Fundraising for Community Tree Projects by E. Bazan, W. Elmendorf and H. Gerhold. A 29-page fund raising guide for people and organizations who champion the protection and expansion of tree and greenspaces in their communities. The cost is \$10.00 including postage and can be ordered through the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council. For more information, please call (717) 783-0385.

### April

- 4 Plant Amnesty Volunteer Tree Prune. Call Linelle @ (206) 783-9813 for more information or to volunteer your arborist skills, for hospitality or clean-up.
- 8 State Arbor Day
- 11 Creating a Naturescape, design, plants, wildlife workshop presented by The King Conservation District. This will occur at the White Center from 9 am - 1 pm. For directions and more information, contact Josh Monaghan at (425) 226-4867.
- 18-19 Master Gardener Foundation Fair and Plant Sale at CUH. Call CUH for more information at (206) 685-8033.

### May

- 18-20 Storms Over the Urban Forest National Conference at Lied Conference Center Nebraska City, Nebraska. For more information, contact National Arbor Day Foundation at (888) 448-7337
- 21-22 23rd Annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference, Neighborhoods Soaring to New Heights, will draw on the successes and accomplishments of cities nationwide. For more information call NUSA at (503) 644-5614.